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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/588,536		<b>Applicant(s)</b> GAROFOLI, FERNANDO	
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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.

2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under '35 U.S.C. § 119**

12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:

1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The claim(s) are narrative in form and replete with indefinite and functional or operational language. The structure which goes to make up the device must be clearly and positively specified. The structure must be organized and correlated in such a manner as to present a complete operative device. Terms such as "of the type" of "basically" render the claim indefinite. The use of pronouns ("it" or "its") should be avoided and the component to which "it" refers should be referenced. The claims include several antecedent basis issues which should be addressed (ie; the front end, the housing, the screws, the external handle, the internal handle of claim 1). The reference numbers in the claims are incorrect and misleading. The catch (90b) is unclear. Further the catch and latch are both (5), a fork and box of claim 6 are both (40). The real key of claim 15 is unclear and lacks antecedent basis as well. The claims must be amended to positively recite the STRUCTURE of the door handle and not their function. Functional language may be included but the structure must be positively recited. The claims have been examined "as best understood".

### ***Election/Restrictions***

Please note that once the claims are amended to correct the previously mentioned 112 issues, a restriction may be necessary. It appears from the figures that the invention of figures 6 and 7 could be a separate and different invention than the handle of claim 1. Further consideration will be given when the claims are more clearly geared to the structure of the invention.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pedersoli (DE4009764). "As best understood" Pedersoli shows internal and external handles (17 and 18) having an opening lever (22 or 27) and an opening button (26 or 21). The handle further include a vertical lever (28) having a fork (29). The device includes a spring (15) within a housing (11) and a latch mechanism (10). The door handle further shows a cylindrical chamber (at each end of handle for cylinder 33). The handle includes a cylinder (33) for locking the handle with a key (see illustration below). The handle is an L shape. See the Pedersoli device below.



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